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1. SUMMARY: THREE ARTICLES ON DISARMAMENT APPEARING IN THE
POLISH PRESS ON APRIL 12, 1977, PORTRAY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION
AS BEING ON THE DEFENSIVE SINCE THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW.
ONE OF THEM CARRIES A STRONG PERSONAL ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN A MAJOR COMMENTARY IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY, ENTITLED "BREAKING
THE RULES," FRANCISZEK NIETZ STRONGLY ATTACKS THE ADMINISTRATION.
HE SAYS THE SOVIETS GAVE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION A LESSON IN
DIPLOMACY AND POLITICAL REALITY DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO
MOSCOW. NIETZ ACCUSES THE ADMINISTRATION OF USING ITS HUMAN-
RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AS A SMOKESCREEN TO CONCEAL ITS REAL GOAL,
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MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE USSR. DEPICTING WASHINGTON AS
REELING FROM THE "SHOCK" IT RECEIVED IN MOSCOW, NIETZ SEES
REAPPRAISALS UNDERWAY IN THE U.S. AND CITES THE SECRETARY, THE
AMERICAN PRESS, AND CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL "CIRCLES" AS EXPRESSING
DOUBTS ABOUT THE FORM AND TACTICS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN
POLICY.

3. NIETZ LABELS THE PRESIDENT THE "GREAT MORALIZER FROM THE SOUTH," AND ACCUSES HIM OF FALLING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF COLD-WAR FORCES. HE CITES THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR INCREASED FACILITIES FOR RFE/RL AS AN EXAMPLE. NIETZ SAYS THE PRESIDENT IS MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES AS HIS DEMOCRATIC PARTY PREDECESSORS, WHICH, NIETZ PREDICTS, WILL LEAD TO LIKE RESULTS. THE "GREAT DEMOCRAT" (SMALL "D"), SAYS NIETZ, IS BEGINNING "...TO STRIKE THE CHORDS OF AMERICAN CHAUVINISM, GREAT-POWER MENTALITY, AND THE CONCEPT OF AN IDEOLOGICAL MISSION FOR THE USA". NIETZ CHARGES THE PRESIDENT WITH TRYING TO STRENGTHEN THE PRESIDENCY AND OBTAIN CREDIT FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, DESPITE INACTION ON SERIOUS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, BY TAKING A STRONG POSTURE VIS-A-VIS THE USSR.

4. THE SAME ISSUE OF ZYCIE WARSZAWY CARRIES A POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP) DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON QUOTING A UPI REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT SENATOR JACKSON WAS ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF THE SALT PROPOSALS MADE BY SECRETARY VANCE IN MOSCOW. THE ARTICLE REFERS UNFLATTERINGLY TO THE SENATOR'S PAST ROLE IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND REPEATS THE CHARGE THAT THE U.S. PROPOSALS WERE DESIGNED TO GIVE THE U.S. MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES.

5. IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "DISARMAMENT MEETS THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES," IN TRYBUNA LUDU, PAP'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, STANISLAW GLABINSKI, EMPHASIZES THAT US-SOVIET DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE DESPITE THE MOSCOW EPISODE.
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